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1. BELOW IS IO AND L PRESS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA, AND AF
PRESS GUIDANCE ON ZAIRE AND ANGOLA..

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2. IO PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: CURRENT SITUATION

Q: PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE SITUATION ON THE
GROUND. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE REPORTED CEASE-FIRE?
IS IT HOLDING? WHAT DO WE KNOW OF THE REPORTED ABDUCTION
OF 30-40 TUTSI CHILDREN FROM KIGALI?

A: UN SOURCES REPORT THAT HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES TODAY
IN KIGALI BETWEEN RPF AND GOVERNMENT FORCES, DESPITE THE
REPORTED AGREEMENT YESTERDAY IN TUNIS TO AN IMMEDIATE
CEASE-FIRE.

UNAMIR CONFIRMS REPORTS THAT 60 TUTSI BOYS (NOT 30-40 AS
REPORTED IN THE PRESS) WERE ABDUCTED YESTERDAY FROM A
CHURCH COMPLEX IN KIGALI. UNAMIR SAYS THAT EYEWITNESSES

CLAIM THAT THEY HAD SEEN THESE 60 BOYS BEING KILLED BY
HUTU MILITIA.

CEASE-FIRE TALKS UNDER UNAMIR AUSPICES WERE HELD YESTERDAY
IN KIGALI AND ARE SCHEDULED TO RESUME TOMORROW.

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3. L PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: GENOCIDE

Q: WAS THE KILLING OF SIXTY CHILDREN IN RWANDA AN ACT OF GENOCIDE?

A: THIS INCIDENT IS YET ANOTHER APPALLING EXAMPLE OF THE HORRIFIC VIOLENCE THAT HAS BEEN OCCURRING IN RWANDA. THE
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UNITED STATES STRONGLY CONDEMNS ALL SUCH VIOLENCE AND
CALLS UPON THE PARTIES TO STOP THE KILLINGS.

UNDER THE 1948 CONVENTION, THE KILLING OF MEMBERS OF AN ETHNIC GROUP IS GENOCIDE ONLY IF IT IS COMMITTED WITH THE INTENT TO WIPE OUT THAT GROUP IN WHOLE OR IN PART. WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO PRONOUNCE ON WHETHER SUCH INTENT WAS PRESENT IN SPECIFIC INCIDENTS.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT MUCH OF THE INTER-ETHNIC VIOLENCE AND KILLING IN RWANDA HAS BEEN PERPETRATED WITH THE INTENT TO WIPE OUT ANOTHER GROUP. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE STATED THAT WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ACTS OF GENOCIDE HAVE OCCURRED IN RWANDA.

THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR APPOINTED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE VIOLENCE IN RWANDA.

4. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - ANGOLA: SUSPENDING HUMANITARIAN AI

Q: HAS UNITA DENIED LANDING RIGHTS TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM HUMANITARIAN FLIGHTS? WHAT IS YOUR REACTION?

A: UNITA INFORMED UN REPRESENTATIVES IN ANGOLA ON JUNE 12 THAT NO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM (WFP) HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FLIGHTS WOULD RECEIVE UNITA CLEARANCE UNTIL RELIEF FLIGHTS FOR THE UNITA-HELD CITY OF HUAMBO WERE RESUMED. THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT SUSPENDED PERMISSION FOR RELIEF FLIGHTS
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TO HUAMBO ON MAY 27 FOLLOWING AN ESCALATION IN THE LEVEL
OF FIGHTING THROUGHOUT ANGOLA.

MILLIONS OF ANGOLANS DEPEND ON THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
DELIVERED THROUGH THE WFP RELIEF FLIGHTS.

THE UNITED STATES DEPLORES THIS ACTION THAT DEPRIVES THE
SUFFERING PEOPLE OF ANGOLA OF DESPERATELY NEEDED
HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. WE URGE BOTH PARTIES TO REFOCUS
THEIR ATTENTION ON THE LUSAKA PEACE TALKS, WHERE AN
OVERALL PEACE AGREEMENT IS WITHIN REACH.

IN OUR STATEMENT OF JUNE 10, THE US CALLED FOR THE ANGOLAN
GOVERNMENT AND UNITA TO EXERCISE MAXIMUM RESTRAINT DURING
THIS CRUCIAL PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - ZAIRE: ELECTION OF PRIME MINISTER

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE ELECTION YESTERDAY OF A
PRIME MINISTER IN ZAIRE?

A: MR. KENGO WA DONDO, A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITION, WAS
YESTERDAY ELECTED PRIME MINISTER BY ZAIRE'S HIGH COUNCIL
OF THE REPUBLIC-PARLIAMENT OF TRANSITION (HCR-PT).

WE HOPE THAT THIS ACTION BY THE HCR-PT WILL LEAD TO THE
FORMATION OF A CREDIBLE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY,
BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLE ON NON-EXCLUSION, WHICH CAN
UNDERTAKE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE A PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE
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SERIOUS SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND FINANCIAL CRISES UNDERMINING
THE ZAIRIAN STATE, AND WHICH CAN MOVE THE COUNTRY FORWARD
TO FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS.

Q: WHAT IS THE REACTION OF OPPOSITION LEADER TSHISEKEDI
TO KENGO'S ELECTION?

A: WE DO NOT YET HAVE A READ-OUT ON MR. TSHISEKEDI'S
POSITION. THAT QUESTION MAY BEST BE ADDRESSED TO THE
OFFICE OF HIS SPOKESMAN HERE IN WASHINGTON.

Q: WHAT IS THE REACTION OF ARCHBISHOP MONSENGWO, THE

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PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC-PARLIAMENT
OF TRANSITION?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT ARCHBISHOP MONSENGWO IS NOW IN
BRUSSELS, BUT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON HIS POSITION
WITH RESPECT TO YESTERDAY'S VOTE.

Q: WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP IN ZAIRE WITH RESPECT TO THE
FORMATION OF A TRANSITION GOVERNMENT?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT KENGO'S NOMINATION WILL NOW BE
FORWARDED TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU, AND THE PRESIDENT MUST
PROVIDE HIS RESPONSE WITHIN 48 HOURS.

IF MOBUTU ACCEPTS KENGO'S NOMINATION THE PRIME MINISTER
WOULD BEGIN THE PROCESS OF FORMING A COALITION GOVERNMENT.

Q: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE OPPOSITION HAS ATTACKED THE
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LEGALITY OF KENGO'S NOMINATION. WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION

A: THE QUESTION OF THE LEGALITY OF YESTERDAY'S ELECTION
IS A MATTER FOR THE ZAIRIANS TO DETERMINE.

THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE PROCESS OF
DEMOCRATIZATION IN ZAIRE. WE HOPE THAT THIS PROCESS WILL
RESULT IN THE PROMPT ESTABLISHMENT OF A BROAD-BASED
GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY BASED UPON THE PRINCIPLE ON
NON-EXCLUSION.

Q: WHAT HAS BEEN THE REACTION IN ZAIRE TO THE NEWS OF
KENGO'S ELECTION?

A: THE EMBASSY REPORTS THAT KINSHASA IS QUIET FOR THE
MOMENT, BUT WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE RECENT DETENTION OF
OPPOSITION LEADER ETIENNE TSHISEKEDI?

A: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE "UNION FOR DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL
PROGRESS" (UDPS) LEADER ETIENNE TSHISEKEDI
(CHI-SI-KAY-DEE) WAS ARRESTED AND DETAINED FOR SEVERAL
HOURS BY ELEMENTS OF THE ZAIRIAN MILITARY ON JUNE 12.

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ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS OF THIS INCIDENT ARE NOT YET CLEAR,
THE UNITED STATES EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN OVER MR.
TSHISEKEDI'S ARREST AND DETENTION DURING THIS PERIOD OF
HEIGHTENED TENSION IN ZAIRE.

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